

ABSTRACT

A surgical screw system using a surgical screw that is at least partially bioabsorbable in vivo, the screw having a recess (or optionally recesses) in its head for receiving an inserter instrument, wherein the recess has a rotational symmetry around the longitudinal axis of the screw. The recess comprises an odd number of rounded lobes extending away from the center of the head. The inserter for the screw comprises a distal end that matches the shape of the recess in the screw and can be slidably engaged with the recess.